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and Bandwagon
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Report of
DIVISION ONE MEETING WITH TERREL JACOBS

as reported by
Don. Smith - Founder CHS.

Bob Green, Walt. Pietschmann and the writer arrived in Peru just after noon on Saturday, October 20th and drove at once to Terrel Jacobs Quarters, where he greeted us at the gate. Four cages, containing various types of monkeys and a large chimpanzee, were lined up along the drive, on road side of the big Cat Barn and made a beautiful sight in the brilliant October sunshine. Several bulldozers and trucks were busily levelling off a hill which had been 50 to 75 feet above road level, on our last visit, and concrete was already laid in this space for a new Bull barn.

Art Gunther of Manchester, Conn., was already on hand, having arrived on Wednesday, and Dick Conover & family of four and guest, Miss Cleo Witty, all of Dayton, and George Piercy of Kokomo, Ind., drove into the Farm directly behind our car. All of us proceeded to photograph the cages and tableau wagons which Terrel has gathered along the river bank, at rear of his property, and more members arrived every few minutes from that time on, including Chalmer Condon and wife and daughter, of Logansport, Otto Schieman of South Bend, George Hubler and friend of Dayton, Ohio; J.A. Havirland from Chicago; George Graf and a friend from Peru, and others. After visiting with all for a short time, Walt., Bob and I drove downtown to claim our Hotel rooms and to make final arrangements for Banquet to be held that evening at "The Fleet's Inn", roadhouse, just west of Peru.

Incidentally, this place serves the "World's Largest Steaks" which seemed quite fitting for our crowd who are used to doing things in a big way. (Ask any of the members who attended!) Steaks actually measured $1\frac{1}{4} \times 15 \times 10$ " and a few were even larger. Table decorations consisted of Bandwagon and cages by Don Smith and baggage wagon by Dick Conover. Terrel joined us at "Fleet's Inn" and told us that this building was his original cat barn some years ago, the corner where we ate being location of his tiger cages. We did not know of this when ordering the dinner, but it was a pleasant historical surprise, and I believe very few others know of this fact.

After the dinner, all of us returned to the Hotel Dearss, where George Hubler projected color slides taken by himself, Conover and I, during past several seasons. Some of the "Historical" (?) remarks during the showing were most entertaining, with George receiving much comment on his choice of subject, whom you've seen featured in "Life" and "Look". After that, some of the boys departed for the "Jockey Club" and the rest of us went to our beds.

Sunday morning, up at 5.30, across the street to breakfast and return to the Hotel, to write a few notes and mail souvenir cards to those who could not attend. Otto Schieman joined our "Detroit" group of three, and we drove out to the old Hagenbeck-Wallace Quarters, south east of town, which is now owned by Mr. Schram, President of the New York Stock Exchange, and relative of George Graf. We covered every foot of the buildings and property which had been actually used by the Circuses and not a single trace of the former big shows could be found anywhere, except one small sulky without wheels, and a few star backs on the wood pile. A few small statutes still adorn the roof of one building, but otherwise the property now looks like any other farm, anywhere in the country, with its fields of tallcorn waiting to be cut and stored.

Possibly 50 or 60 head of fine cattle grazed in the Baggage Horse corral across the river, which had been full of elephants on my first visit to Peru, quite a few years ago.

From these quarters we returned to home of George Graf, in Peru, where most of the other fellows had gathered to see his models and workshop, and take photos of the same.

We then drove to Terrell's quarters, and held a business meeting, at which several matters were discussed. It was decided to write a note of thanks to both Terrel Jacobs and to Mrs. West, curator of the Puterbaugh Museum for their courtesies extended during our visit. Before closing this meeting, Terrel Jacobs thanked us for choosing his quarters as headquarters for our first Interstate gathering of Division One, and again presented his standing offer and request that we hold the First National Convention of CHS at his Farm near Peru, and that CFA and CMBOA be invited to meet in joint Convention at the same time and place. Terrel extends his best wishes to all members who could not attend the present meeting, and states that he is always pleased to visit with members at all times.

Terrel also wished me to make it clear that despite notices in "The Billboard" of recent dates, Terrel has not sold complete interest in his farm or quarters to anyone. He still owns his wagons and cats and will carry on his act, many times enlarged for next season. However, he is now in partnership with Mr. Wirtz, wealthy owner of Chicago Stadium & Detroit Olympia, and they will put out a show under title of "Barnes Bros. Circus and Terrel Jacobs Wild Animals". New elephants have been imported and will be first to arrive here since the war.

Opening date will be in Peru, Ind., next Spring, with such celebrities as Jack Dempsey and Sonja Henie present. As before mentioned, Terrel told the CHS members at Peru last Sunday that he wants us to hold our first National Convention in Peru, at time of his show opening.

Following our Business Meeting of Sunday morning the members adjourned to Circus Museum in Peru Library where there is displayed a beautiful wagon side from old Wallace Show, a few Circus photos including "Buffalo Bill", Charley Rooney & Ben Wallace, and a couple parade photos of the 40-horse team. Ornate shaving mug of Ben Wallace is also on display in a wall case. Incidentally, this Museum (contrary to belief of most Fans who have not visited here) is not for purely Circus material, but contains all sorts of historical items from that part of Indiana, and the circus display is a very, very small part of the entire exhibit. It is quite a great disappointment to note that the circuses and show people themselves, have done very little to preserve the memory or history of their early being. In a long glass case as one enters the door, are about eight of George Graff's models of oldtime circus wagons, including the "Two Hemispheres" with full 40 horse Hitch, and the other wagons with 8 or ten horse teams on each. Mr. Graf's model of the "Two Hemispheres" is dark blue & gold, with white undergear in appropriate striping & sunbursts, and is a beautiful exhibit.

George says he has been informed that the original wagon was "Seafoam" Blue, with a slight greenish tint, although there is much discussion on this point. An offer of \$1,000 was recently turned down by Mr. Graf, coming from a large store who desired a duplicate exhibit of the 40 Horse Team.

Although most of the fellows did not gather in time on Saturday to participate in a trip through the County Building Museum, such a visit was greatly appreciated by Bob. Green, Walt. Pietschmann and myself.

On the 4th floor and attic, or clock tower of this building, are housed several more wagon sides, including the opposite of the side displayed in Library, and several sections of carvings, also complete vehicles, such as the original Tom Mix Stage Coach, Sells-Floto Tallyho, Ben Wallace carriage, in which he often rode in parade, etc., etc. A very few posters which most of us would find quite ordinary, are kept in a drawer, but were brought out for our perusal by the attendant. These were presented by Chief of Peru Fire Department who had picked them up in an old building. Many duplicates from the Don Smith Collection will be soon added to this display.

On Sunday afternoon at 2.30 Terrel Jacobs presented his new mixed group of lions, and tigers in the most thrilling display this writer has ever witnessed. About 60 persons were present in the big Cat Barn, including parents of Terrel Jacobs, and were treated to an "unstaged" Lion & Tiger fight after the performance, in which the tiger lost out and finally trotted to his cage, leaving "Sheba" supreme in the Arena. Refusing to be un-nerved

by such an exhibition several of the members, including the writer accepted Terrel's invitation to enter the Big Cage and meet "Sheba" face to face, and were photographed by Walter Pietschman. Group photos were then taken in front of one of the cage wagons, and the First Convention of Division One was declared at an end.

Among those who attended were the following -- Arthur Gunther, Manchester, Conn.; E.F. Hillhouse, West Virginia; J.A. Havirland, Chicago, Ill.; Bob Green, Pontiac, Mich.; Walter Pietschmann, Detroit; Don Smith, Farmington, Mich.; Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Wixom and son, Detroit & Indianapolis; George Huber & Friend, Dayton, Ohio; R.E. Conover & family (4) of Dayton; Miss Cleo Witty of Dayton; Eugent Feigert - Van Wert, Ohio, Chalmer Condon & family (3) - Logansport, Ind.; Otto Schieman, South Bend, Ind.; George Piercy, Kokomo, Ind.; George Graf, Peru, Ind.; Terrel Jacobs and Harry Parkhurst both of Peru, Ind., Mrs. Edna Curtis, Downers Grove, Ill., and others.

To all the above Ladies & Gentlemen of CHS - I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for their combined efforts in assisting to make this meeting the great success it proved to be. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to have been instrumental in gathering together such a fine group of persons, with the same high ideals and lofty purposes as this convention disclosed. I am very proud to be numbered a member of this fine group, who experienced not a single dissenting note, or untoward incident during the entire two days of our meeting. TRULY - it was "All for One, and One for All" which is as it should be at all times, among all members of CHS".

Don F. Smith
Founder CHS.

The photo enclosed to all members shows a group of CHS members at the meeting at Peru, Ind. This picture was taken by Don Smith, who supplied the negative, so that all members might have this view of some of the fans at Terrell Jacobs' circus farm.

Further mention about the Convention was made on its first page by "Peru Daily Tribune" of October 22nd, and also a smaller item on page 3 of the "Peru Republican" (weekly paper) issue of Friday, October 26th, and any members may obtain copies direct from both papers at 5¢ per copy. Both papers had other notes of Peru interest, "25 years ago", "41 years ago" etc., and Cole Bros., 1945 route for close of season.

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MEETING AT PERU, INDIANA -- 1945

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N O T I C E

So that there will be no misunderstanding I wish to make this announcement to the members. While I heartily accord with any arrangement that might be made for the 1946 Convention being held as per Terrel Jacobs kind invitation - as extended in Don Smith's fine report on the Peru, Meeting -- still, because of the fact that my term of office is so nearly completed, I feel that the matter of arrangements for the First National Convention of CHS should fall to the incoming President and his Board of Directors. Therefore, I will not call a Convention at this time, but will make certain recommendations in my final news letter which will go out after the election.

Also - it will fall to the incoming President to appoint the new Convention Chairman - and his assistant.

I make this announcement to make my stand very plain to all members, and trust that it will be accepted as the proper way to have the matter looked after. Anything to the contrary would not be fair to the incoming Officers.

(signed) Walter W. Tyson,
 President of CHS.

The Secretary and I also wish to thank the members who gave our recent notice about the payment of dues such prompt attention. Almost daily the delinquent list is being cut down - and we hope for 100% by the end of our term of office. There are not many left - so let's get them cleaned up at once. Thank you.

Also - don't forget the matter of any ads. for the Christmas issue which should be sent to us at once. Many Greetings are already received, and please take this up with your Division at once, and if contemplating an ad. or greeting - please have copy sent to J.B. Lyon, Secretary, 210 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ont., Canada - as soon as possible. We want to finish the issue and get it in the mail ahead of the Christmas rush. Thanks.

Walter W. Tyson,
 President of C.H.S.